

Senate Concurrent Resolution 104 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
1 3 (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3281)
1 4 A Concurrent Resolution concerning Iowa's support
1 5 for the "25 x 25" initiative and, in connection
1 6 therewith, promoting the increased production of
1 7 renewable energy by the agricultural community.
1 8 WHEREAS, having an affordable, reliable, and
1 9 plentiful energy supply is critical to our economy, as
1 10 well as our national and international food supply;
1 11 and
1 12 WHEREAS, current and future risks to United States
1 13 energy security are mounting while domestic and global
1 14 energy demands are growing exponentially; and
1 15 WHEREAS, Iowa and the United States have tremendous
1 16 renewable energy resources; and
1 17 WHEREAS, the development of a broad spectrum of
1 18 renewable energy resources, including wind power,
1 19 biofuels, biomass, methane digesters, ethanol, and
1 20 solar, benefits the environment and will have a direct
1 21 economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural
1 22 communities; and
1 23 WHEREAS, rural communities and agriculture sectors
1 24 will experience multiple benefits, including
1 25 establishing additional markets for agricultural
1 26 commodities; increasing farm income; creating
1 27 added-value uses for crops, livestock, and their
1 28 byproducts; making more productive use of marginal
1 29 lands; resolving air, water, and soil quality problems
1 30 that may arise from agricultural operations; improving
2 1 wildlife habitat; and creating many new job
2 2 opportunities; and
2 3 WHEREAS, American agriculture is well positioned to
2 4 play an expanded role in the development and
2 5 implementation of new energy solutions and with
2 6 appropriate technological innovation, incentives, and
2 7 investments, America's farms and ranches can become
2 8 the factories that produce a new generation of fuels
2 9 to help meet the nation's energy needs; and
2 10 WHEREAS, "25 x 25" is an agriculturally led
2 11 initiative that envisions America's farms and ranches
2 12 producing 25 percent of America's energy demand by the
2 13 year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe,
2 14 and affordable food and fiber; and
2 15 WHEREAS, agriculture's role as an energy producer
2 16 will have a positive effect on national security and
2 17 trade imbalances, and will serve as a catalyst for
2 18 rural development in Iowa and the United States; NOW
2 19 THEREFORE,
2 20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
2 21 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General
2 22 Assembly endorses the vision of "25 x 25" whereby
2 23 agriculture will provide 25 percent of the total
2 24 energy consumed in the United States by the year 2025,
2 25 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and
2 26 affordable food and fiber, and commits itself and the
2 27 state to working collaboratively with leaders of the
2 28 nation's agricultural community to develop an action
2 29 plan to bring this vision to fruition; and
2 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 1 resolution be delivered to the Honorable Chet Culver,
3 2 Governor of the State of Iowa; and
3 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 4 resolution be delivered to Iowa's congressional
3 5 delegation; and
3 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 7 resolution be delivered to Mr. J. Read Smith and Mr.
3 8 William Richards, co-chairs of the "25 x 25" Steering
3 9 Committee at the Maryland office of the "25 x 25"
3 10 Alliance; and
3 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
3 12 resolution be delivered to the Denver office of the

3 13 National Conference of State Legislatures.
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